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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS ON DECRIMINALIZATION OF  
MARIHUANA

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1. FRENCH LAW DOES NOT DRAW A DISTINCTION BETWEEN  
MARIHUANA AND OTHER DRUGS WITH RESPECT TO ITS DEFINITION  
OF A CRIMINAL OFFENSE FOR USE OR TRAFFICKING. HOWEVER,  
PUNISHMENTS RANGE FROM TWO MONTHS TO TWENTY YEARS'  
IMPRISONMENT AND FINES OF 100 TO 10 MILLION DOLLARS,  
DEPENDING ON THE TYPE OF OFFENSE, THE DRUG INVOLVED AND  
THE QUANTITY INVOLVED. GENERALLY, MARIHUANA OFFENSES  
ARE PUNISHED AT THE LOW END OF THE SCALE. FRANCE ALSO  
IMPOSES A CUSTOMS FINE EQUAL TO THREE TO FOUR TIMES  
THE MARKET VALUE OF THE DRUG AND AN ADDITIONAL SENTENCE  
OF ONE TO TWO YEARS FOR NON-PAYMENT OF THE CUSTOMS FINE.  
IN ADDITION, THE JUDICIAL PROCESS IS OFTEN SUSPENDED AND  
NO SENTENCE RENDERED IF THE ACCUSED AGREES TO SUBMIT TO  
MEDICAL TREATMENT.

2. PROVISIONS CONCERNING PUNISHMENT FOR VARIOUS CATE-  
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GORIES OF DRUG (INCLUDING MARIHUANA) OFFENSES FOLLOW:  
(A) FOR USAGE, EVEN ALONE: TWO MONTHS TO ONE YEAR  
AND 100 TO 2,000 DOLLARS;  
(B) FOR SELLING: TWO TO TEN YEARS AND 1,000 TO  
10 MILLION DOLLARS;  
(C) FOR CARRYING DRUGS ACROSS BORDERS OR MANUFAC-  
TURING: TEN TO 20 YEARS AND 1,000 TO 10 MILLION DOLLARS;

(D) FOR ENCOURAGING DRUG USAGE EITHER VERBALLY OR  
IN WRITING: ONE TO FIVE YEARS AND 1,000 TO 100,000  
DOLLARS.  
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